

AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION TO
PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE AND
INTERVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS.

As you are aware, H.B. 5653 will make it difficult for people already struggling in our economy to own a firearm and to train properly with that firearm. Responsible gun owners are being penalized for the actions of criminals because you sponsors are close to viewing the exercising our 2nd Amendment rights as sinful. Your actions are viewed by many as another so-called "sin tax" because you continue to fail to properly address gun violence. Responsible gun owners continue to be penalized for the actions of criminals. Guns and ammunition are ALREADY subject to an additional 11% tax in addition to the CT sales tax. Repeating, that is: 6.35% PLUS 11% PLUS 5% as proposed. Assuming that the THREE (3) taxes are combined, not compounded, that is a tax of 22.35%. DISGUSTING, to be sure! Have you absolutely NO understanding of the problem? You legalize marijuana and wonder why there are more "wrong way" traffic accidents. You legalize full scale gambling and continually add glitz, glamour and glitter to the advertisements only to then wonder why those struggling are spending in the hope of that "one lucky strike." Do you not see that those who would commit violent crimes have already passed that point of no return, where they are willing to harm and kill to secure their desires? They are called CRIMINALS. I am NOT a criminal. I am a law abiding citizen with a gun. This bill continues your assessment that only gun owners should fund efforts to CONTROL CRIME. I WILL VOTE AGAINST YOU BECAUSE YOU ARE CLEARLY INDICATING YOUR INABILITY TO THINK! OR WORSE, YOU JUST DO NOT CARE!